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May 16, 1961

Mr. Fred E. Huntley
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Dear Mr. Huntley:

Your letter of May 8, 1961, with enclosures, has been received.

It is most encouraging to know that our young people are alerting themselves to the menace of communism and taking steps to help in the fight against it. I cannot, however, as a matter of policy, take the action you suggested. I am enclosing one of my statements which gives suggestions for those who are interested in aiding this Bureau in the internal security field.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

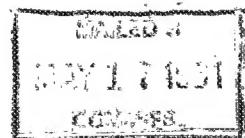
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

4-17-61 statement re Internal Security

NOTE: Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory on correspondent. In April, 1961, he wrote to the Director commenting on the April 1 LEB Introduction and his letter was cordially acknowledged sending communism reprints. The statement currently being furnished was not sent at that time. Bufiles reflect no record of the Students Associated Against Totalitarianism.

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May 8, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
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Dear Mr. Hoover;

Thanks for your letter of reply which was received a few weeks ago. The enclosures on the subject of Communism were studied with much interest.

I will accept your advice that education is the best means of combatting Communism.

But at the same time I would like you to know that I do not have any confidence in the United States Government's ability to combat Communism itself.

Just a few days ago, for example, radio commentator Fulton Lewis Jr. broadcast an item implying that somebody in the Central Intelligence Agency or State Department tipped off Premier Castro as to the location of the invasion site in Cuba. Mr. Lewis said that the invasion force themselves didn't know the location of the landing until they opened their sealed orders at sea. But when they arrived at the spot on the Cuban coast, Castro and his forces were already there assembled and waiting.

Your department undoubtedly does a good job keeping track of Communists. But the U.S. Government has no control over the generating of Communist thinking and sympathy among our citizens.

Take the University of California at Berkeley for example. Would you believe it that until very recently, in a student body of over 20,000 there was not a single group nor not a single voice speaking up for Americanism and out against her enemies.

E.A.T.C.L.P.
During the past few weeks a group of students are organizing as the "Students Associated Against Totalitarianism." I have become interested in this group and have attended several of their meetings. They are a clean cut group of young people and of good character.

They urgently require encouragement and assistance.

If you could possibly do anything at all to help them it would be of tremendous benefit. Possibly you could bring them to the attention of other interested persons or organizations.

In the meantime I have sunk \$50 into their outfit and consider it a very good investment in the future security of the U.S.A. I hope others will feel the same way.

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Sincerely yours, *FRED GUNTELEY*

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Wilkinson

TO THE EDITOR: In allowing Frank Wilkinson to speak at the University of California, the prediction of Dimitri Manuilsky of the Lenin Institute of Political Warfare, Moscow, is being fulfilled: that "The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to co-operate in their own destruction," and Lenin's prediction that we will even finance that destruction.

There is no excuse for a tax-supported institution like the University to co-operate with known Communists. The argument is that all sides of every issue should be presented. Yet the left-wing political party that sponsored Wilkinson has continually brought forth but one idea, as their most recent endeavor demonstrates.

How long are we going to aid those who are dedicated to destroying us not through nuclear warfare but through the spread of their ideology?

--Beverly King.

TO THE EDITOR: The appearance of Frank Wilkinson is another in a series of incidents on the Berkeley campus which serves the purpose of weakening both the University and the United States, bringing them into disrepute and causing disturbances. Students and teachers feel that protests are helpful actions, and show that the students are thinking and stimulated. This is indeed good, if not endangered by misdirection. The students' antics in supporting every protest and new ideal that happens along, reminds one of a rebellious adolescent constantly chasing against the bit of older and wiser authority and experience. Fortunately, most outgrow rebellion for the sake of rebellion, and understand this is the means of maturing and learning to think independently. Youth is always a prime target for misdirection, as it is easy to exploit their lofty dreams and idealism which have not yet been tempered by actual experience.

--Victor Winkel,
Senior, speech.

The Great Fraud

No one who has seen the Soviet Union can take seriously any comparison between that country and the United States, unless it be in the terms of arms production. The population of the Soviet Union lives on a near-subsistence level which requires it to be compared rather with newly-developed countries in Africa and Asia.

It is unfortunate that the talk of "keeping ahead of the Soviets" ever got started because we have caused them to be taken seriously in areas where they would never even be considered an important power. It is, in fact, America which has "made" the Soviet Union and who is every day enhancing her reputation around the world by serious talk of competing with her. But if such competition ever arises, it will be in a different epoch and under different conditions than those which now exist.

The trouble began when Roosevelt recognized the Soviet Union. He continued his errors and permitted the whole of Eastern Europe to be thrown into darkness. Now the leaders of free countries are at a considerable disadvantage when they attempt to use conventional diplomatic procedure with gangsters who understand nothing but force.

Under a two-column photo of Wilkinson, another article reported an interview with an old gentleman who opposed Wilkinson's appearance. The reporter's derisive treatment of his comments made it clear that any opposition to Wilkinson could come only from hopelessly reactionary individual who is tragically out of touch with his time and preoccupied with the superfluous question of the taxpayers' money.

In a third article, the vice-chancellor in charge of student affairs congratulates the students for showing "your general good sense as you have so many times before" for not having created a scene upon Wilkinson's appearing before them.

And, indeed, why should there have been any trouble since the rioting students got just what they wanted?

--CHARLES FOX.
Berkeley.

TO THE EDITOR: When we finish patting ourselves on the back for our fairness in hearing Frank Wilkinson, let us ask ourselves this question: Is not our concern with the "free speech" issue one more instance of that process of rationalization for our ultimate fear of the bomb? For a decade atomic blackmail has been the motivation for our tolerance of acts inconceivable 20 years ago. We were scared witless when the Soviets got nuclear power; we tried to bury our fear; we began to substitute for it perverted concepts of fair play; the Soviet system, once generally conceded to be totalitarian, has little by little inch ed its way into our American minds as just another respectable form of government ("They have their systems and we have ours and may the best man win") or possibly even superior ("Their sputniks are 10 times bigger—they can't be all bad").

Underdogs

TO THE EDITOR: The real "persecuted underdogs" of this world are the millions of individuals who are held captives in their own countries and ruled over by communistic fascists. The suffering of these people is increased every time they hear of a new American act which strengthens the Soviet Union. The very word "co-existence" is anathema to them for it means only further enslavement.

--Charles Fox,
Graduate, Linguistics

Youth

TO THE EDITOR: Those who keep shouting it can't happen here should not fail to read the statements of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, national chairman of the U.S. Communist party. Under the head "Red Party in U.S. Looks to Youth" appearing in the Oakland Tribune, April 4, an interview with Miss Flynn answers explicitly several frequently raised questions about Communist influence in student political life.

Mrs. Flynn acknowledges that students are being increasingly attracted to the party and that their "general activity" in religious groups, peace marches and student organizations is "encouraging." She acknowledges furthermore that though they do not often come right out and join, it is simply because of fear of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Under her leadership, she adds, the party will continue to strive for the abolition of this committee.

Students who go along with the so-called liberal campus movement merely because it appears so much more intellectually sophisticated than its adversaries can see that Mrs. Flynn will be delighted to have them among. By exploiting student idealism and the inevitable adolescent rebelliousness, by picturing all anti-communism as a combination of Judas and George Babbitt, the Communist party is reaping the bonanza that the interview describes.

Is there no one who will point out clearly to the student body that joining Communist-front groups means in all likelihood a life-long commitment, that once one is in, the party uses every means, including overt threats and blackmail, to keep him there. What started out as sincere but misguided idealism and search for truth may be given a completely different direction from the one which the innocent freshmen from Casa Grande Poly intended. By being naive enough to let his good intentions be exploited by career agitators, he may himself find out that the only career left open to him; too, is that of agitator.

--George Kalish,
Graduate, Romance languages

Campus Speech

Editor: On March 22 heard Frank Wilkinson speak at the University of California. Wilkinson, who has been identified as being an organizer for communist front groups by our federal investigative agencies, used the campus as a forum for attacking the House Un-American Activities Committee. Most of my fellow students listened to his speech in contemptuous silence. However, a minority of the audience greeted Wilkinson's attacks with frenzied applause, and hissed when student asked Wilkinson if he were a communist.

The core of this minority consists of a small, organized and dedicated group. It invited Wilkinson to speak. It has repeatedly attempted to mold student opinion—for example, by organizing standing committee to defend the pseudo-communist Castro regime. Scheduled next we hear, is a discussion of the question of "American imperialism." (Why not Soviet imperialism? That exists.)

The recent general trend of events is causing increasing concern among the students. "Daily Californian," our campus newspaper, in a March 24 editorial went so far as to state that masquerading communists have taken a foothold at the University. If this be so, then prompt and decisive action by the general public is needed in order to help end such a state of affairs.

--A. TRAPANS.
Berkeley.

TO THE EDITOR: Frank Wilkinson's pitch to the crowd about his economically secure youth and his belated discovery of such evils as poverty is no doubt cleverly contrived. But it is hardly likely that it was Wilkinson who invented the technique.

This is just the type of story we so often hear people who have escaped after being interrogated by the Communist police. These people always talk about a period of clever but forced brainwashing followed by a "sincere" confession which the captors exploit as "self-criticism."

Wilkinson's crime was to have belonged to the bourgeoisie. He seeks salvation through constant self-criticism and public confession. Who is to doubt that he is "sincere" in terms of this neophyteseology which is subverting all our values? Perhaps the sympathizers in Wilkinson's audience were not the only ones fooled by his speech?

--Charles Fox,
Graduate, Linguistics

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Students Associated Against Totalitarianism is an organization of students attending the University of California at Berkeley. Our purpose is to oppose any expression of totalitarian attitudes or propaganda and particularly the effects of communist subversion and influence.

We intend to use all legitimate means at our disposal to expose communist operations and sources of communist propaganda. In our area, however, this is not enough for the idea is already widespread that communism is a legitimate form of government and should be allowed to compete along side democracy and within democracy. It thus becomes our duty to attempt to keep the public aware of the barbarous nature of communism and the atrocities committed by the Soviet Union, both within her borders and without. In this age of decisive conflict between our democratic system and totalitarianism, our survival depends upon an alert and informed citizenry.

Since our energy will be devoted largely to this task, we have decided not to take a stand on many issues which we feel are peripheral to it. In this manner we hope to unite our members in a common struggle and to solicit help from as large a part of the public as possible.

We are and shall remain an independent organization but we shall accept money, suggestions and publications from any persons or groups who support our ideals and are kind enough to aid us. To these people we shall be happy to explain in detail our aims, our activities, and the use we make of any money offered us.

Very truly yours,

Victor Winkel
Victor Winkel
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Like CANCER -- COMMUNISM kills. Help crush it!

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